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**Woman Sentenced to Probation in Multiple Hit-and-Run Accidents**

Deborah Jean Daniels was sentenced to one year of probation Wednesday in connection with a hit-and-run accident in Thornton on May 17, 2016 in which she side-swiped a number of other vehicles after she drove off in one of the vehicles that she rear-ended.

Daniels (DOB 08/31/58) pleaded guilty to one count of driving while ability impaired and one count of careless driving.

Adams County District Court Judge Don Quick sentenced her to one year of probation with participation in a court-ordered mental health treatment program. Daniels has been in a treatment program since her arrest last year. She also was fined \$100 and must pay nearly \$40,000 in restitution for damage caused to the vehicles she hit.

Daniels rear-ended a Cadillac Escalade at Washington Street and East 104<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Thornton on May 17, 2016. When the driver of that vehicle got out of her vehicle to check the damage, Daniels got into the Escalade and drove off, hitting at least four other vehicles until she wrecked the Escalade further north on Washington Street.

“This is about as aggravated a traffic case as you are going to find, with the carnage caused the hopping into a victim’s car and driving off,” Quick said. “Your crime spree was very serious.”

The judge said he was imposing the probation and treatment sentence because Daniels has taken responsibility for her actions and sought treatment since her arrest. “But if you wind up back here again, I will have a different reaction,” he warned.

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